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FROM :

Chief of Section,

SUBJECT: GENERAL - ALBANIA/COINTEL. Operational.

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Comment: Contact with Project TRAIL.

Reference : OME-750/2400-206

1. On Monday, 12 March 1956 at 1300 hours, contacted Subject at his boarding house located at Leopoldstrasse VII, living there. introduced himself as an American professor engaged in writing on a paper relative to overall refugee problem and advised that Subject had been recommended by colleagues as a possible source of interesting and useful data for such a study.

2. did not contact Professor Karel HALD, but went directly to the University of Graz and enquired at the Office of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine for Subject's local address and was told that he was living at the Catholic School located in Carinthia-Gasse No. At the latter school, was informed that Subject was no longer living there, but that he had temporarily resided there in the past. However, was put in touch with an Albanian refugee still living at the school, Angelina KUTERIJA, who furnished the permanent Subject's address noted above. Later Subject stated that the Carinthia-Gasse address was listed as his permanent address at the University because the school would always know where he would be located and then forward his mail.

3. After the first interview, Subject evinced pleasure and felt flattered that he was being interviewed, but stated he doubted that he could be of much assistance. Nevertheless, he added that he would be ready and willing to do what he could within the limits of his capability and knowledgeability. Asked whether he was expecting a visit from an American, Subject replied that coming was a complete surprise to him.

4. In no time Subject entered into a long discussion of the Albanian refugee problem, and cited names, incidents, and conditions which generally reflected the same information already learned from and other sources. Subject admitted that he was once interested in Balli Kombetar Agrar.

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wording for. He stated that he had heard of others who made many money. In this type of endeavor, but added that should his collaboration be accepted, he would gladly do so even without remuneration. He did emphasize that he modestly believed he did not possess the capabilities to embark on a fruitfully information collection effort and did not want to jeopardize any overall plan by his inexperience or unwillingness, offering the following reasons:

a. Availability: Subject is earnestly devoting all his time to his studies. He is somewhat concerned over his coming examinations and what may go on. Since he has returned to Graz he has gone only twice to Vienna for very brief periods and has had to rush back to his books. Fortunately he was on spring vacation at the present time and was therefore able to afford himself the luxury of a breathing period. Besides his class work he spends mornings at the Cinema. Subject's wife is not with him, but he is planning to return to the United States in July where he will remain until September and then return.

b. Accessibility to Targets: Whatever information Subject may have at his present disposal is an accumulation of facts he has learned in his studies either in conversations with, or correspondence from, fellow refugees. Besides himself, there are only three other Albanians in Graz. Professor Krist MALOKI and the architect Hajdar JEMICHI, both Austrian citizens, and his friend Abdulla KUJTAJIA are the closest to Subject in the United States. He claims that he has no direct contact with other Albanians in Austria, although he might be able to develop them. He corresponds with no one in Albania, save for some very rare messages to his step-sister. He knows nothing about Albanian refugees in Yugoslavia except what he might be able to elicit from MALOKI, but admitted that he must be very wary as to how to approach MALOKI so as not to arouse his suspicions. Subject has followed the emigration picture from reading such publications as "Albipartia", "Albania Libre" and other publications mailed to him from the United States.

7. Subject, nevertheless, is willing to make an initial attempt towards "feeling his oats" as an informant and determine whether such an effort will not greatly affect the time required for his school work. It was therefore agreed that Subject was to review the targets of interest as outlined in OIBR-7235/LAPOK-990 and then prepare, if possible, a series of reports covering them. Subject was briefed on security measures, reporting techniques, the difference between fact, rumor, and opinion, and similar elementary trade-craft. [] told Subject that he would return to Graz during the latter part of April when he should have some reports ready. If, after reading Subject's reports, [] felt that he

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